June 4, 2019

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the City Council room at 215 North Monroe Street. The following officers were present: Mayor John Hayden, City Clerk Cindy Prentice, and Aldermen Bill Grimsley, Kevin Ketchum, Ed Knight, Paul Lennon, Robert Ritchart, Robert Wilson, Kevin Wombles and Robert Wood.
Mayor Hayden presided.

Alderman Ketchum moved to approve the minutes of the last regular Council meeting.
Alderman Wood seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wood (6)
	Nay:	None (0)
	Present:	Wilson, Wombles (2)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Committee to approve a variance for Carolyn Casteel, owner of the property located on the intersection of West Adams Street and North West Street in Pittsfield, to permit the construction of a duplex which will leave a front yard of four feet (4'), instead of the required twenty feet (20'), and stairs that will protrude into the right-of-way approximately one foot (1').
Alderman Wombles seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
	Nay:	None (0)

The motion carried.

Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the vacation of the built-in utility easement that crosses the Petty Subdivision addendum. A description of the vacated easement shall be attached to the plat and the landowner shall pay for the recording.
Alderman Ketchum seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
	Nay:	None (0)

The motion carried.

Mayor Hayden introduced Diana Halmick, the City's new Economic Development Director. Everyone is welcome to meet and visit with her after the meeting.

Action on the cell tower lease was tabled. The Water/Wastewater Committee will review the stormwater design plan for commercial and residential properties for standardizing the stormwater design. Once they have completed their review, it will be sent to the Ordinance Committee for review and an ordinance to be drawn.

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Alderman Ritchart moved to approve the Finance Committee Report and the Clerk be directed to issue the claims thereon.
Alderman Wood seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Yea:	Grimsley, Ketchum, Knight, Lennon, Ritchart, Wilson, Wombles, Wood (8)
	Nay:	None (0)

The motion carried.

Work has begun on the Clarksville Road project and only local traffic may go through. The north end of the street will be blocked off Thursday to begin the Clarksville Road/Fayette Street project.

Mayor Hayden said he would like an Ordinance Committee meeting soon to discuss solar panels to look into the pros and cons and to discuss setbacks.

An Economic Development Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss a list of questions Economic Development Director Diana Halmick has regarding her position.

Annual budget discussions will be wrapped up tomorrow beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Chief of Police Michael Starman stated they are getting much accomplished on the yard mowing. He is trying to arrange to have the prisoners mow every Tuesday.

Alderman Knight stated he would like to see golf cart privileges extended to the lake. They would be able to travel on marked roads only and no side by sides would be allowed. Only four wheelers that meet all City guidelines would qualify. All vehicles would have to pass City inspection and an annual permit sticker would have to be purchased. They would have to be trailered from town to the lake.

An Ordinance Committee meeting was scheduled for June 18, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. to discuss solar panels.

Alderman Knight moved to adjourn this meeting at 6:26 p.m.

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City Clerk